

## Special Issue

# Computer Simulation of the Origin of Life

### Message from the Guest Editors

To date, we are still by and large in the dark in the field of the origin of life. However, clues have been accumulating from both experimental and theoretical studies. On the one hand, the origin of life is certainly a problem of chemistry, which involves molecular mechanisms in a prebiotic context—so-called prebiotic chemistry. Experimental work has been contributing to this aspect, and we have seen exciting discoveries. On the other hand, the origin of life is also a problem of evolution. Fortunately, theoretical work, now largely based on computer simulation, may contribute by demonstrating relevant evolutionary dynamics, and has revealed many interesting mechanisms. It is expected that the combination of experimental and theoretical efforts will ultimately lead to a breakthrough in this special field dealing with one of the most amazing events in nature. This Special Issue focuses on computer simulation studies on the origin of life—mainly studies related to the evolutionary aspect, but the scope encompasses a wider range of topics, and includes any potential in silico work concerning the origin of life.

### Guest Editors

Dr. Wentao Ma

Hubei Key Laboratory of Cell Homeostasis, College of Life Sciences, Wuhan University, Wuhan 430072, China

Prof. Dr. Paul Higgs

Department of Physics and Astronomy, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON L8S 4M1, Canada

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (29 December 2023)



## Life

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.4  
CiteScore 6.0  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/si/125087](https://mdpi.com/si/125087)

*Life*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[life@mdpi.com](mailto:life@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/](https://mdpi.com/journal/)

[life](https://mdpi.com/journal/life)





# Life

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 3.4  
CiteScore 6.0  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/  
life](https://mdpi.com/journal/life)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Life* (ISSN 2075-1729) is an international, peer-reviewed open access journal that publishes scientific studies related to fundamental themes in life sciences. Some papers are published individually, while others are submitted for inclusion in special issues with guest editors. You are invited to contribute a research article, essay, or a review to be considered for publication.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Lluís Ribas de Pouplana

Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB Barcelona), The Barcelona  
Institute of Science and Technology, 08028 Barcelona, Spain

---

### Author Benefits

#### Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, CAPIus / SciFinder, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Biology) / CiteScore - Q1 (Paleontology)